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# British Honduras Dispute

#### Cruiser Despatched

London, Feb. 26.—Britain, fearing that Guatemalan "ex-tremists" might try to land in British Honduras, is sending the 9.100-ton cruiser HMS Sheffield to stand by in Belize, the colony's capital, a Foreign Office announced here today.

A note is being prepared protesting against a recent press campaign in Guntemala linking the Republic's claims to Honduras territory with the Antarctic dispute with Argentina and Chile.

The Foreign Office spokesman said Britain did not suspect the Guatemalan Government itself of preparing an expedition against British territory, but feared that the atmosphere engendered by the press campaign would foster "irresponsible and extremist elements."

The cruiser Sheffield was tonight on its way to Belize from Cartagena. Colombia.

The dispute dates back to 1895. when an Anglo-Guatemalan Convention was concluded and ratified which confirmed the existing fromtier between Guntemala and Hon-

#### **GUATEMALA'S CLAIM**

Under a second convention feet genra later. Britain undertook to provide £50,000 towards joint communications by rail or road. this convention was never ratified nor came into force and the Guate roulan Government subsequently claimed that the whole treaty of 1859 was invalid and that Guatemala had a valid claim to the whole of Brilish Hondurus.

Britain, disputing the claim, said the 1859 Convention and merely confirmed a frontier which had existed since Guatemala achieved her independence in 1821.

As in the case of the Antarctica dispute, Britain's solution is to bring the matter before the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

prepared to accept the jurisdiction | made. of the International Court only if pleaded.

This the British Government was unwilling to accept and the dispute

#### SITTING ON FENCE

March 30.

These diplomats believed that zone of Korea, Guatemala has reopened the old sore is imminent,—Reuter,

Scores For Wallace

# lews



Mr Leo Isacson (left), successful Wallace-backed American labour party candidate in a special election in the 24th congressional district of New York, is seen here receiving congratulations in party headquarters by Representative Vito Marcantonio after his smashing victory. - AP Wirephoto.

# LITTLE ASSEMBLY OKAYS KOREA ELECTIONS

Lake Success, Feb. 26.—The Little Assembly recommended today that the United Nations proceed with nationwide elections in Korea in defiance of a Soviet boycott. The vote was 31 to 2.

the proposal, submitted by the third the total Korean population, United States. Eleven countries and the US occupies the south. This was proposed by Britain in abstained. The vote was taken by show of hands and no official record The Guatemalan Government is of the balloting by countries was

the matter is judged "ex acquo et | Russia was absent as usual, along ing elections in the South and work official statement today, said the bond" so that considerations of with five satellites, under her con- Northward. If Russia continues to Jewish Agency's "premature accusaequity as well as of law can be tinued boycott of the activities of boycott the Commission and refuses tions"—linking—British-forces—with the Little Assembly,

George Marshall.

The United States is "fence sitting" | The proposal adopted said it was one-third of the seats, which would enquiry was the Palestine Govern- | They were: his surname, his on Britain's dispute with Guatemala incumbent upon a UN Commission go to the Northern zone, will be ment. over British Honduras, just as she is on Korea to carry out the elections open. on the question of the Falklands De- leading to establishing of a Korean pendencies, but diplomatic authorities government. The Commission had | Canada and Australia opposed the by the lack of co-operation shown and that he was a specialist in finanhere are convinced that the issues asked for instructions in view of American plan on the ground that by the Agency, the spokesman added. clai questions. will be raised at the Inter-American Russia's refusal to have anything to the Little Assembly had no legal Haganah Radio tonight claimed Conference at Bogola, starting on do with the UN Commission or to authority to make such a recom- that a Haganah striking force had marked coincidences," his lawyers not be later than August 1, although allow its members into the Northern mendation.

Korea was divided at the 38th mainly because the Bogota meeting parallel for occupation purposes after the defeat of Japan. Russia

Australia and Canada opposed | controls the North, which has one-

#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

plan the Commission will start holdpermission for entry into the Sunday's Ben Yehuda Street ex-Northern zone, balloting will have plosion were "entirely unfounded". It was the first major vote taken to be halted at the 38th parallel. A has remained at an indecisive stage. In the Little Assembly, created in National Assembly then will be set ing to tomorrow's opening of an film "Monsieur Verdoux," opened the suggestion of Secretary of State up with representatives elected from enquiry conducted by the Jewish his case today by saying that he had the Southern zone occupying two- Agency into the explosion, said the six points in common with his namethirds of the seats and the other only authority competent to hold an sake of the illm.

Lester B. Pearson, Canadian de- near Jaffa. mission should that body attempt to carry out the recommendation.

Australia also is a member of the l India, France, the Philippines, Syria United Nations, especially if chaos the Ukraine never has taken a sent, General of the United Nations, told in keeping with the Soviet oppo- correspondents here today. sition.

An unofficial list of the countries abstaining included Afghanistan. Egypt, Colombia, Denmark, Iraq. Norway, Panama, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Syria and Venezuela.-Associated Press.

# Britain's Coal Exports

London, Feb. 26.—Brittlin intends to export up to 16 million tons of commend a reversal of that decision." coal this year, thanks to an unexpectedly high production and low ants were prepared to clarify the deconsumption at home, the Minister licate legal questions which have of Fuel, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, told the been raised by the United States House of Commons today.

The coal production in Britain has cision? (2) Has the United Nations been maintained at an average of a legal right to set up three separate over 4,100,000 tons weekly since the governments in Palestine?; (3) What Saturday overtime working was will happen if the Security Council Introduced last November.

Stocks are about double those of partition idecision?-Reuter. last winter when all exports were temporarily halted during the fuel crisis emergency.

balance of payments.-Reuter.

# Eight-Hour Battle

For the Proprietor of HONGKONG TELEGRAPH,

For and on behalf of SOUTHACHINA MORNING POST, LTD.

# HOSPITAL TARGET

Jerusalem, Feb. 26.—Haganah quarters today said some 20 Arabs had been killed and an unknown number wounded in an eight-hour Arab bid, starting at midnight last night, to isolate the Jewish community on top of Mount Scopus.

The target of the Arab attack was the milliondollar Hadashah Hospital and the entire Hebrew University colohy on the Mount, which overlooks the old city on the West and the Dead Sea on the East.

A Government communique said two Arabs were killed and three critically injured.

secrecy.

Haganah quarters said Jewish | At the same time, Mr George forces destroyed three houses in a Marshall, the Secretary of State. counter-attack on Wadi Joz on the gave a secret report on the Palesslopes of Scopus. tine situation and the American

Haganah said the Arabs prepared policy in relation to the Security their attrick by severing telephone Council to the Senate Foreign Recommunications between the Mount Intions Committee. Scopus settlement and Jerusalem and opening a barrage on the hospital at midnight.

By 8 a.m. today firing had ceased. Meanwhile, 51 victims of the Ben Yehudi Street bombing on Sunday were buried secretly 'in the new North Jerusalem cemetery.

The Jewish Agency, announced that it was opening a two-day "public inquiry" into the bombing 30,000 troops actually available and promised a verdlet tomorrow. Preparations were under way in Jerusalem to transfer a large group of British policemen and civillans to England,-United Press.

#### FLARES LIGHT UP SKY

the sky over Jerusalem tonight as British troops sought out Jewish and Arab gun positions south of the Old.

Under the accepted American automatic fire could be heard. The Palestine Government, in an A Government spokesman, referr- Charles Chaplin's wife-murderer

> into the affair was not being helped that he was a father of a boy of the departure and the exact date will be wiped out 16 Syrian Arabs in a raid | said. on the Arab village of Beit Bajan,

# TRYGVE LIE'S STATEMENT

Commission. The others on the nine Palestine situation is not settled, nation body are China, El Salvador, "it will have a bad effect on the and the Soviet Ukraine. However, resulted," Dr Trygve Lie, Secretary If will reduce the prestige of the

United Nations and lower the people's confidence in it, he added. Asked to what extent the Security Council recognised the General Assembly's recommendations on peace, the Assistant Secretary General, Dr Arkady Sobolev, said: "The Security Council is an independent organ and free to accept or reject the General Assembly's recommenda-

peace and security from whatever Tuesday morning. course peace is threatened. If it de- Two others were seriously incides that any Assembly resolution is jured while the sixth escaped with himself ruler on February 18. Sea port. a threat to peace, it has power to re- minor bruises about his body. But neither Dr Lle nor his assist-Government: (1) Has the General Assembly a right to enforce its definds that the root cause of the dis-

ARABS' THREAT

Washington today.

# Premier

Eire's New



Mr John A. Costello, 56-year-old Dublin attorney, has been elected torship of a single party under the Prime Minister of Eire in succession to Mr Enmon De Valera. He is the leader of the Fine Gael (United Irish) party.— AP Wirephoto.

# Holiday Flight For Children

airline, has arranged a special democratic nations are attached. "summer holiday" flight for 35 to 40 British school children who wish to join their parents ! Reports were current here today in Hongkong for the summer.

Army Departments on the possibi-Leaving London on or about August 1, the plane will make the n dictatorship of a single party trip in as short a time as possible under the cloak of a government and should reach Hongkong approkimately four days after departure. The Skymaster, DC-4 will put down at the airline's usual stops of Ams- which can only be disastrous for the terdam. Rome. Lydda, Bombay, Czechoslovak people, who had Calcutta and Bangkok, making over- proved once more, in the midst of night stops at Lydda, Bombay and the sufferings of the second World Calcutta. The return trip will leave War, their attachment to the cause Hongkong about September 15.

Paris. Feb. 20:--M. Henri-Verdoux, the flight comfortable and pleasant American comment. Everything is being done to make the Parls citizen who is bringing an for the children. Wallem and Co., action against the distributors of Hongkong agents for Braathens, said yesterday. Two or three specially picked stewardesses will be aboard | it was pointed out, however, that and the meals will be planned with this "Big Three" statement constian eye to the children's needs and tuted a unique development in post-

Parents will be consulted as to the Eastern and Central Europe. set in accordance with the convenience of the majority. It is be-"I have never known so many lieved, however, that this date will

> it may be a few days earlier. Specially reduced roundtrip fares have been arranged for the trip.

> Wallem and Co. sald yesterday that although most of the seats had

Customers at the bank where he already been booked, there were slovakia's fate today, as 10 years still a few vacancles.

# SLOVAKIA COUP PROTESTS

#### Declaration By US, France & Britain

Washington, Feb. 26.—The nited States. Britain and France today condemned the recent events in Czechoslovakia as "placing in jeopardy the very existence of the principles of liberty to which all democratic nations are attached."

A three-nation declaration said: "By means of a crisis artificially and deliberately instigated, the use of certain methods, already tested in other places, has permitted the suspension of the free exercise of Parliamentary institutions and the establishment of a disguised dictacloak of a government of national

"The three-nations cannot but condemn a development, the consequences of which can only be disastrous for the Czechoslovakian people who had proved once more, in the midst of the sufferings of the second World War, their attachment to the cause of liberty.

#### THE TEXT

The full text of the joint declaration reads: "The Governments of the United States. France and Great Britain, have attentively followed the course of the events which have just taken place in Czechoslovakla, and which place in jeopardy the very existence of the Braathens, the Norwegian principles of liberty to which all

"They note that by means of a crisis artificially and deliberately instigated, the use of certain methods already tested in other places has permitted the suspension of the free exercise of Parliamentary institutions and the establishment of

of intional union. "They cannot but condemn a development the consequences of

of liberty." The State Department issued the

#### NEW TECHNIQUE

war diplomacy and the most forceful condemnation yet of Soviet action in

Hitherto, such protests have been expressed individually by Britain and the United States, though often in almost identical terms.

Previously, France, too, has not normally joined with Britain and the United States in condemning the various coups in South-East. In Paris, the circumstances surrounding the Czechoslovak crisis was

said by the Paris independent Conservative newspaper, Le Monde, today to "resemble those of Munich." The paper declared: "Czecho-(Continued on Page 4)

#### Imam Of Yemen Succession Threatens Civil War Cairo, Feb. 26.—Emir Seif El Islam Ahmed, the eldest-

son of the late Imam Yahya Hamid Du Din, of The Yemen, who yesterday proclaimed himself Imam, has appealed to King Ibn Saud to intervene in the dispute over the succession, "before it is too late, to avoid plunging the country into a civil war," reports from Aden published in the Egyptian press said today.

The succession is disputed by morrow as carlier reported-for rendered from their mountain re- here today." fuge in the south and declared their "annihilated".

Washington, Feb. 26.—China has and Abdullah El Wazir to avoid a to be £10,000,000 worth of gold, in try to arrange an amicable settle-

Imam Abdullah El Wazir, who made Hodeida, the principal Yemenite Red Abdullah El Wazir is reported to An entirely new account of the

have threatened that unless Emir assassination of the former Imam Ahmed, whose father, three brothers of Yemen, asserting that he was and the Yemen Premier were said shot after burying Royal treasure to have been assassinated earlier in the desert sands, was published The other victims were enlisted this month, and his followers sur- in the Arabic newspaper, Al Misri,

Earlier reports had said that the allegiance to him, they would be Imam and his three sons had been strangled. The 85-year-old Yahya The Arab League in Cairo de- Hamid-Du-Din drove out to the cided to appeal to both Emir Ahmed | desert and burled treasure, thought

> He then ordered all the slaves who On his way back he was attack-

ed, and, according to Al Misri. there were, 100 bullet holes in his

#### **EDITORIAL**

#### Unwelcome Procrastination

THE apparently authoritative I forecast that the Japanese peace conference will be delayed until next year gives no cause for feelings of satisfaction. Procrasfination in this matter appears to reside with the United States whose officials quite frankly declare that Mr George Marshall and his colleagues have other things to worry about - the inference being that a peace settlement in the Orient is relatively unimportant. Continued delay can only help to complicate further an already complicated problem and engender the suspiclons of China, Australia and the Philippines that the United States has ulterior motives behind her postponement of a peace conference. Already feelings have been created that the MacArthur dictatorship, while worthy of being credited with energetic rehabilitation and reform measures, serves principally American interests to the disadvantage of the rest of the Allies. The MacArthur administration has assumed a sacrosand exclusiveness which, while becoming enough in the first months of the occupation, is inclined now to be tedlous. The future of Japan cannot indefinitely be left in the hands of one man; nor would one imagine that he wishes for such a burden longer than is possibly necessary. Mr Marshall is credited with desiring to postpone the peace conference in the hope that the | likely to be.

Soviet Union will abandon her attitude on the question of the veto. Experience to date makes that a forlorn hope, more particularly when everything now tends to show a hardening of the negative Russian attitude to any moves or proposals emanating from the United States, and Britain—the German and Korean questions are examples. It 'can be conceded that the European problem is serious and of prime importance, but it is difficult to find any justifiable basis for the contention that because of Europe, it is impossible, to consider the Japanese peace settlement, Russla, of course, is entitled to a voice in [] the peace conference, but only If she is prepared to meet majority wishes with respect to procedure. Her interests in the future peace and prosperity of the Pacific are Important, but not more so than those of China, the Philippines, the Netherlands East Indies, Australla, New Zealand, France and Britain. To ignore the interests of those countries simply because Russia and the Allies cannot see eye to eye on the question of procedure, or because European peace problems have still to be resolved, is not going to make any easier the work of the Japanese peace conferen & when it is finally called. The longer the Issue of Japan's future is shelved, the more intricate and controversial

Jerusalem, Feb. 26.—Red flares lit

Heavy exchanges of rifle and

legate, indicated his country might. The village was said to be a base withdraw from the Korean Com- for Arab attacks on Jewish convoys. —Reuter.

Lake Success, Feb. 26.—If the

order in Palestine is the Assembly's

Mr. Gnitskell explained later that were warning the United States of State, said Joday. by allocating 15 million to 10 million that her oil concessions in the tons of coal this year for exports and Middle East would be cancelled if week, Mr Marshall said it would be Renter.

# Worker

The Senators were sworn to

shall reiterated the statement

It was understood that Mr Mar-

United States policy made by

Senator Warren Austin this week

and defended it on legal and moral

. He is understood to have repeated

that the United States, has only

now for any immediate movement.

of a dispute between the State and

lity of supplying troops.—Reuter.

Christian name, his employment in The Government's investigation a bank, the fact that he was married, date most-suitable for their children's

M. Verdoux is claiming 5,000,000 francs from the United Artists Dis-

tributors and Cinemas. He asserted that his reputation, which will carry school children and peace and well-being had suffered, students up to 24 years of age. He had been chased by journalists, harried by photographers and had completely lost his former calm. was employed called him "Blue-"

beard.' During an adjournment in the courtroom, press photographers fired off magnesium flares. Judgment was postponed until March 18.—Reuter.

#### Philippines Air Disaster

Manila, Feb. 26.—Three of six

persons on board a Philippine Air M. Ivan Kerno, Assistant Scere- Force C-47 plane were killed when tary for Legal Affairs, said: "The it crashed after taking off at the Security Council is responsible for Lipa airbase, southern Luzon, on

> The co-pilot, Captain Benjamin de Ecampo, 32, was among those killed, while the pllot; Lieutenant Valles, was one of the two hurt. men.-Reuter.

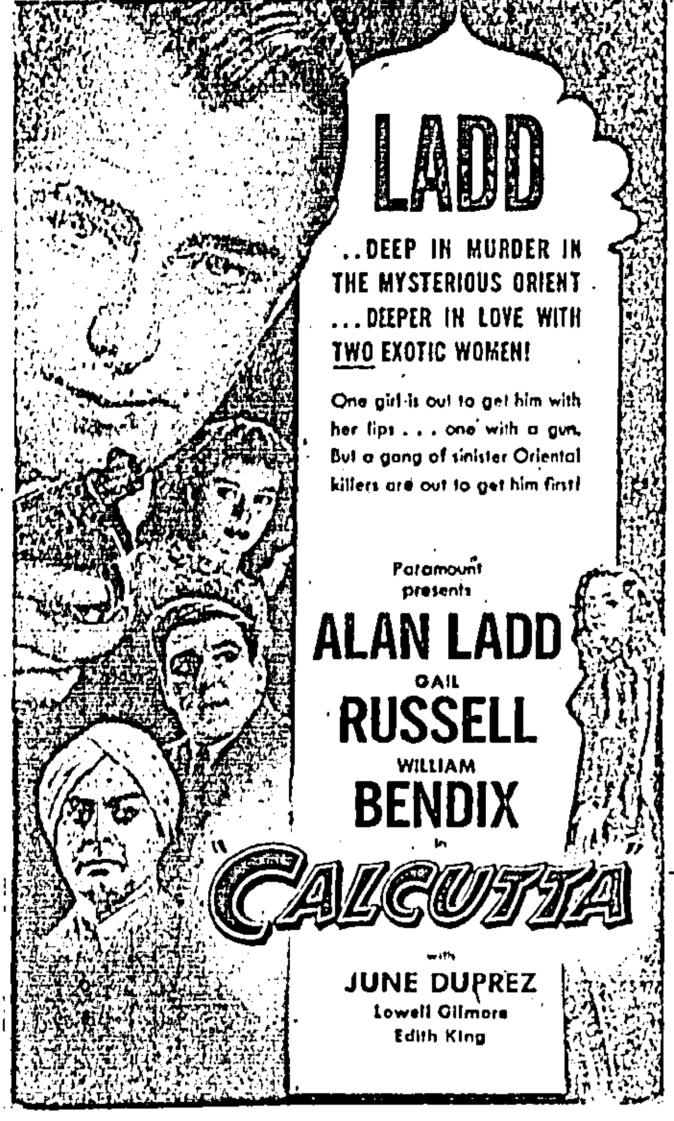
#### China Asks For A Stabilisation Fund

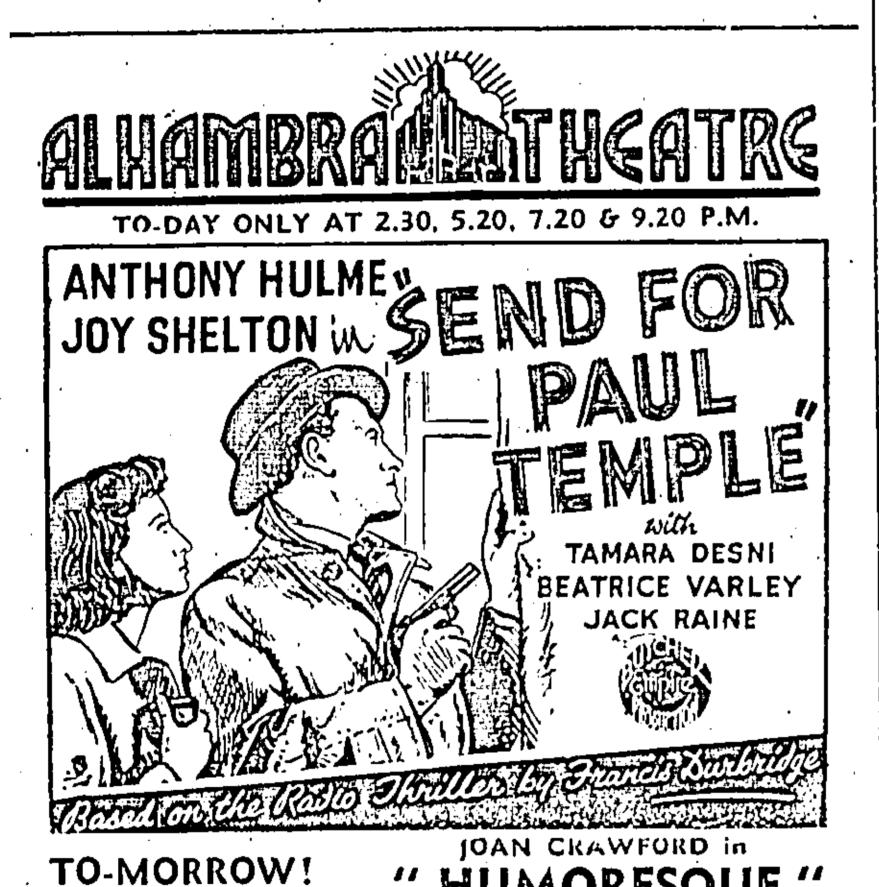
asked the United States for a cur- clash and stop the mobilisation of empty paraffin tins. rency stabilisation down on top of their forces until the League's misthe \$570 million she is due to get sion, headed by Abdul Rahman Az- had taken part in the expedition to Washington, Feb. 26.—Confirma- for machinery and essential imports, zam Pasha, Secretary General of the be killed so that the hiding place tion that Arab League countries Mr George Marshall, the Secretary League, arrived in The Yemen to should remain secret. In evidence given to Congress last ment.

bunkers, Britain was contributing she continues to press for the par- a waste of effort for the United Azzam Pasha is now expected to car and 50 in his body. The body are the eventual deliberations | between £30,000,000 and £40,000,- tition of Palestine was made by States to attempt to stabilise China's sail from Port Said on board the of the Imam's Prime Minister was 000 more to the credit side of her an Arab Office spokesman in economy at the present time .- Egyptian coastguard cruiser Farouk found in a valley "badly multilated." El Awal on Saturday-and not to- Al Misri added-Reuter.



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66 HERE COME THE WAVES ?

# C. V. R. THOMPSON flies out to the city they call 'The Slipping Beauty'

# SUPPORT 50 OUIT Hollywood Hoffnung hopes they

ODAY one out of every a year. is either on the dole or living year's loss from abroad

off savings. contracts, and of them 125 hold Box-office takings are 20 perthe official rating of "star."

haps a quarter, of what they necessary to tempt or tomornothing. Except for the f6 a brend new car. week they draw from the do'e. many would be homeless, even hungry: And with them in the and engineers.

#### Running Out

wood goldmines are running out fast. Amid America's emptiness. At this moment only seeing a cardinal as a villain. has become a depressed in. One studio, R.K.O., isn't making tax situation" will not improve. I dustry.

course, means the loss of the Metro - Goldwyn - Mayer, the won't be long now." brought Hollywood £17,000,900, with Greer Garson and Walter Hollywood is the Shpping Beauty.

three people employed in. Now other countries cannot Hollywood six months ago afford dollars for films, and this estimated at £25,000,000. As if His studio, which in normal times For many years, they have that weren't enough, the Hollycarned good and regular money wood moguls have just learned from the Hollywood goldmines, from their distributors that the Yet today there are only 487 home market, their only remainactors and actresses with studio ing source of profit, is falling eff.

cent down so far this year. The rest - and there are Even in the film city one. 3,500—are earning half, per; chain of cinemas is finding it earned up to six months ago, in by offering them free dancing Some of them are earning lessons or a raffle ticket for a

#### Panic Moves

▲ LL this, plus a Hollywood divorce jobless queue are 12,000 car. A which could be shattering -a penters, painters, electricians, divorce the Government is seeking consideration in the few new between the producers and chemas they control-has set the multi-millionaire bigwigs panicking. Their frantic economies are fast THE reason is that the Holly-turning Hollywood into a ghost

a single picture. The most popular found enormous consolation in "the tax situation." That, of beable to get it off the ground." Says Hollywood solemnly-"It

HOLLYWOOD. or a large part of its profit for Pldgeon, and the umpteenth remake of "The Three. Musketeers"—instead of the usual eight to ten.

> Even M.G.M.'s boss, Louis B. Mayer, has made economies and has liquidated his racing stable. make 55 super-colossal eples every year, has cut this year's total to 18

> By not making pictures, and by such economies as wholesale disemissals and a ban on filming scenes which aren't used in the finished pleture, M.G.M. hope to save 1,500,000,

#### No Offence

THEY hope to save another million I and a half by (1) giving up earthquake scenes, luxurious banquets, and all such costly floss, (2) by using costumes and sets more than once, and (3) by making stars and directors do the same work in three-quarters of the time.

Quite suddenly there is great films for the sensibilities of the now all-important American audience. In the new version of "The Three Musketeers." for instance, there will not be any Cardinal Richelieu. He will become "a Government official," The vast studios écho from their because Catholics might not like

greatest boom, America's third 27 pictures are being made, and Hollywood, nevertheless, refuses largest industry-Hollywood- that is the lowest total in 14 years, to believe once and for all that "the topical wisecrack is that Howard report from London that an obscure Main but not the only cause Hughes, the millionaire flier, who is Haywards Heath cinema has closed is what is called in polite circles trying to buy the studio "will never down for lack of American films.

course, means the loss of the kingpin of the studios, is making. But says someone cynically—and British market which in 1946 only two pictures—a comedy there may be more truth in this—

THE

#### WAY by Beachcomber

bureaucratic fashion, with her original weight. form S.N. 26/4.b / 290/a N h.36,926489.W.L. / 636/94/1.214. The Persians filled it in thus:

I, Have you made any previous return of uncontrolled waste products under section 631 of form N.S.634E? . . One plank we desire for seesnw, he yes

2. Was your previous application in our school. for a permit to return the gross waste products countersigned by a them. food officer? . . . Same answer to ! u, duaestion one.

3. Have you a licence from the Board of Disposals? . . . We say evedropper of milk she used to get in plank sir, you say board. Send us the hospital," Mrs Benson said, plank of disposals if such be langarldge of Government.

4. What percentage of waste is anally brought her home." covered by your surplus waste permit, per unit of personnel? . . One plank we desire for seesaw, he normal six and a half pounds at yes, for personnel use.

5, State nature of waste products. . . One plank for seesaw girl said she would like to be a nurse

. Seesaw, O Minister.

#### Wrong form, actually

U Esq., laid his fore-finger along though. his upper lip and breathed noisily down his nose. At that moment the farm on weekends. Maybe Miss Clutter came slinking in, could be a nurse and do that too." flicked her eigarette ash into Suet's glass of water, and said, in a shrill drawl, "Sorry and all that, but you've given Mr Armitage's form about his stinking old factory to these people, actually." And out she walked with the form. For want of something to say, Suet said, "That was Miss Clutter." "How greatly we care, ho yes!" said Ashura sureastleally.

#### Take it quietly

ARE horse-bubbles visible? Who birthday, onicer, said; "I bake book of the feel by the dog-fancier who filled this year," Jacqueline said. "I'm to make loaves in the freightage clerk's hat with bitu- going to carry it with the new coat men? Was Mrs. Nofancu the with the hood that mania and daddy Cooking for 50 sailors and a there special boot - chalk for Jacqueline curled her hair for the dozen parsengers is easy for Chief auctioneers? These are some of the big family party. It will be a Cook Dorothy Reed, of Finchley, auctioneers? These are some of the big family party. It will be a who got the meals for four and five red today. Things must be answer-

Pounds By John Rainey If you want to put on weight, eat mashed potatoes-"eat lots

of 'em." Pretty Jacqueline Jean Benson, 12, of Chicago, says that's her secret and she has doubled and redoubled her weight more times than anyone clse in the

Potatoes

Jacqueline weighed only 12 ounces when she was born three months prematurely on January 14, 1936. She was the smallest baby ever to survive. according to the records of the American Medical Society.

C HARLIE SUET met the difficulty in the approved scale. That's more than 105 times

If she had increased her weight proportionately from a more usual start of seven pounds, she now would weigh 735 pounds.

#### Used To Be Little

"I know I used to be real little," she said. "But now I'm almost as big as the very biggest girl my age "And I'm bigger than a lot of

Jacqueline's mother, Mrs Lester R. Benson, said the little brown-eyed

girl "really likes those potatoes." "She's come a long way from the "They kept her in an incubator for

four and a half months and she weighed seven pounds when they Inequeline has a brother, Lester, Ir., aged eight, who weighed a

Jacqueline, a sixth grade schoolwhen she grows up. She also 6. State purpose of application, would like to live, on the Benson's 240-acre farm near Streator, Illinois. "We go out there almost every weekend and in the summer time, she said. "I collect the eggs, and I ON reading all this bilge, C. Suet can milk a cow, too. Not very good

"Daddy's a printer and he goes to

#### Proud Of Her Health

Jacqueline is proud of her health. "I don't get sick much," she bragged, "Hardly at all. And I helped take care of my brother when he got the measels and the mumps." She giggled and added, "after he caught them from me."

Katherine Gallagher, the St Anne's Hospital nurse who cared for Jacqueline during her fight for survival 12 years ago, still remembers her

"She sent me a nice new purse

# SILVER?

#### By JOHN DEANE POTTER

round up the £1,000,000 in silver seems to us to be all right now. We which has vanished from cir- are not hoarding silver, but if the The Bank of England a year ago

held £1,420,983 worth of silver in its vaults. On January 29 there OINS which have disappeared are was only £261,510. Most of the

silver back to head office." little reserve silver for weeks so un- So melted down it would cost ten less people want it for a special pur- shillings for an ounce of silver." pose we refuse to give them more. The silver, shortage—already, so than five pounds worth."

acute since Christmas.

very, awkward." Their spokes- drew £1,000 in silver from his bank man hopes "that the Treasury state- and took it away in sultenses..... ment the other day announcing no sudden change in the note issue will hundreds of pounds of wages today stop people salting away silver coins. In postal orders.... Several big em-

worse. They are holding more sil- FOOTNOTE: The weight of the ver in their tills than usual in case missing silver is 117 tons.

they cannot give customers change." THE big banks began at the To this Selfridge's—as a specimen end of January a drive to big store—reply: "There was a shortage before Christmas, but it bank didn't give us our usual allotment we should be in the soup."

U mostly dated between 1920 and contain no silver. Said one bank manager: "We have A City merchant banker explain-

nn ounce today. The post-1920 coins Another reported: "We have had have only 50 percent; silver in them.

ncute that deposits of it are being The shortage has become more reclaimed from old films-makes it easy to dispose of sliver at rates above market price. Other reports added these silver

news flashes:-A man in the Midlands recently

Some Langashire firms will pay out "We are very low indeed," he says. ployers are following the lead of the the nearest ten-shilling note.....

#### Paper doyleys under the buns at tea' 14 girls make the ship just like home In the galley, Imed on one side with shining steel sinks and on the other with three electric cookers.

from EVELYN IRONS

touch about the ship, with

its private shower...

Making Rapid Strides Backwards

WA BLANIN, S

TINDURTEEN merchant sailor girls skipped nimbly down the gangway of the 6,300-ton wheat-carrying motor ship La Cordillera on to the King George Dock at Hull a fortnight ago and dispersed to their homes all over Britain on a few days leave.

They had just completed a five-months' voyage which had taken—them\_via\_Montreal\_to\_ Sydney, Australia, and back by way of the Cape. That is with no monkeys or parrots from foreign parts. But every pirk had nylons in her ditty box. Now they are being given time to kiss their families good-bye flewers on the table at every before sailing again, this time to Brazil, where their ship will pick up a cargo of rice for the Far East.

Aged 17 to 43, all ex-Wrens, "I'm the skipper's uger." except the four youngest, these women into the Merchant Navy in a big way - not only as stéwardesses to tend women passengers, but as general stewards, cooks, galley girls Navy).

This was La Cordillera's deck, also excellently furnished. second voyage with women in the crew, and London shipowner these are not just luxury cruises. But the girls got their biggest II. G. Mann, who started the for which the girls get paid for hand from the Trinity House pilot, idea in two of his vessels is now seeing the world. At sea they world Captain F. Bousneld, a small, hardsatisfied that it works.

docked. Cantain M. Frame, of mighty joints cut by a girl butcher forty years at sea. "I think these faster rate."

NANCY

Betty Fitch, of seven-oaks, (Kent). the ship's baker, ex-Wrens petty officer, said: "I bake 30th, of flour

who got the means for four and noted ed today. Things must not be and lots of marked potatoes.—United times that number in the Wrens, enclose where the was a petty officer cook. -51en-she-mys,-don't-est-much-more than girls at yea, but they eat plenty. Typical menu she quoted was the them. They are clean, they crow's evening meal as the ship work hard, they keep my cabin 'docked-diver croutes, steak and spotless-and I like the woman's

No claim was made that the women Proudest girl I met on board was cooks used less lavish ingredients | a tall, fair girl from Bexleyheath than men sea cook do. But they did wearing sparkling white uniform say modestly that they are less wasteoveralls, Alma Nickalis, who boasted; ful. Nothing that can be used is thrown overboard now.

Asked for the men's favourite An ex-City clerk herself, she ex- recipe, Dorothy Reed recled off the periment which may bring plained that her job was to wait at ingredients of a plum duff for 50fat, three pounds sugar, four pounds mixed fruit, baking powder and salt at discretion-and eight to 10 fresh

I took a quick poll on the women Chief Steward - Mrs. Margaretta from the crew clustered round the floring money is in half-crowns and 1946. The new cupro-nickel coins and cabin girls in passenger- Godefroy from Hendon, former galley port-hole. Only objection carrying cargo vessels. (I have wen catering officer at a Fleet Air came from a tough seaman, who Arm station, pre-war hotel owner at complained that it took four women been asked to send all our surplus ed: "Silver can be bought for 4s. 5d. not forgotten that a woman, Folkestone, and now buyer of the to do-two or three men's jobs in the Miss Victoria Drummond, is an ship's stores and officer in charge galley, although he admitted the job engineer-officer of the Merchant of La Cordillern's female crew, was well done. A handful said the showed me her cable on the boat women made no difference. But deck with its pink satin quilt and most agreed that the meals were better cooked, and certainly far better served than they had ever

The rest of the women share experienced before in this new ship cabins for two, also, on the boat with her women "domestics." Wireless Officer Hargreaves, from New Brighton, added: "And they from our shirts THE Bank of England admit "It's" But, the chief steward warned, for us too"

10 hours a day, seven days a week, bitten Middlesbrough man who, until and I began to believe it when I in- he came abourd at Dover, had never In his trim cabin as the ship spected the butcher's shop with its met anything like this in all his "The mint can't produce coins at a Civit Service and paying wages to South Shields, the ship's master, 'scrubbed wood racks and specklessly beats me is getting paper doyleys worse. They are holding more siltold me: "I'm pleased with polished decks.

under the buns at tea." under the buns at tea."

By Ernie Bushmiller





HELLO, NANCY --HOW DO YA LIKE YOU SOUND WORSE EVERY DAY --

I CAN SAY IS

made an inspection visit to the

With the boosted enpital, the Knobsiums plant, one of the main

aluminium plants in China, will be

able to increase its yearly produc-tion of aluminium ingots from 4,000

Part of the new funds will be

extended on the purchase and in-

stallation of equipment for the manufacture of finished aluminium goods

However, the power supplied by

the Talwan Power Company for the

aluminium plant is sufficient only

for its present production rate and

It is learned that the power com-

will have to be increased to meet

the consumption demands of in-

Beaufighters

East Weather

Squadron.

and instrument flying.

continua the cycle.

15-Minute Intervals

tip of Sumatra. Monsoon clouds

from weather stations, shipping

weather conditions and helps to pro-

for the China market.

creased production.

Kaohsiung plant last month.

# This Space Every Day BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Adele Jergens for Lots Leeds. Here are new, newidens for Colour and Drama!

STAR SHINE!

for the new season by getting a new hairdo and a new ract to the ch-

For Moring, and we are talk of about it now, there will be a new demand for pastels. Even those are going into pastels. Pink (1989) Pale Green, Beige, Gray one the softest Blue you can Step Sight?

Perfuse are being epented with designed to go with the chain of the new Spring clothes.

For sports you will wear brilingst rypsy colours, such as Nomad Green. Romany Red, Fundango Yellow other Gypsy Gold and you will wear but-Hant lipstick to go with the Dramain colour.

Adele Jergens, featured in "Down" to Earth" by Columbia Pictures wears billhant earnings and a cyleytype cearf to dramatise her Star Shane,



Give your skin a brushoff! If skin is harsh and dry-with flaky bits of cuticle, this treatment works wonders. Use two round brushes, one in each hand. Work up a creamy soap lather with a tlny sprinkling of almond meal, Brush for One Minute the first day, Rinse and apply a generous amount of cold cream. Every day increase your brushing by One Minute until you have reached Five Minutes, This Brushoff stimulates circulation-

The hostery people are really ending colour comersus and they hope. "You can brush up your Star Shine Heal for a will too! For Spring there ! will be space? C. manion coloured plore island jungles and find out the capacity of 100,000 kilowatts. Cen-Lacking, Mayy Plue, Mauve Green | nature, character and temperament | tral News and other partels. In the neutral of the mosquito inhabitants. They to, or there will be a Pink overcast. did this before troops moved in to

the consequence of reandmed and diffect terminal coloured Stocks. there put the spottaght on your legs.

these gay tints for a pretty Spring! I score,

Styled for spring



Shawl collar, no button belled front, and patch pockets are the features of this model in barathea from the lan Meredith collection.

#### SIDE GLANCES

#### By Galbraith



"Whon I think of all the lazy men I could have married!"

# Big Taiwan Aluminium Plant Expanding With U.S. Investment

Taipei, Feb. 25.—The Reynolds Metal Company, by an agreement with the National Resources Commission, will invest US\$7,000,000 in the Kaohsiung Aluminium Plant, which will be jointly operated by the American company and the NRC.

### BITTEN BY 100,000 MOSOUITOES

Harold Franklin of Baltimore (Maryland) has in the past four years been bitten by 100,000 mosquitoes. Scratching vigorously at a red welt on his left "That is a hand, he added: world's record."

That is as may be, but Franklin actually has been bitten by 100,000 mosquitoes. He is a professional mosquito vietim,

Franklin became intimately acquainted with morgultoes as a United States' Navy chief petty officer during the war. He met them in the jungles of New Guinea. "They loved me," he said.

Franklin served with a pavy ad- pany is plauning the construction of vance unit whose job was to ex- two new power plants with a total set up bases.

#### Difficult To Keep Score

So many mosquitoes of the culex Report On Far - Green for nearly greater perpendictor | variety the kind that carries eleto were important as about collecting phantings infections bit him that your known shift now and get all of the had a hard time keeping the

Emerging from the jungles 14 months ago he went to work to test mosquito repellants.

on his arms and sticks them into a fighters—and based at Changi, five spade bid was that it could be container full of mosquitoes specially given and based at Changi, made unless West opened a diamond. confider full of mosquitoes specially Singapore, is now responsible Also, five hearts East and West was repellant does not work, the mosauitoes bite him.

the itch is cumulative. After being Malacca, having taken over the doubled. Look the hand over and lanced by mosquitoes for the meteorological reconnaissance see if you can figure how to make 100,000th time, he said: "It felt like the millionth."

### To Spread Faith In Australia

soon begin missionary work in their first attempt to gain converts here.

abortgines, Moslems did not tolerate racial hatred, and believed in brotherly love, mercy for all, and freedom weather regions around the northern from alcohol, she added. Begum Ramsamy has been ap- close down to 400 feet from seapointed Sydney organiser of the level and heavy rains reduce visi-

Egypto-Australian Friendship Union bility to nil in places. Flying by Dr Talaat Taha, an Egyptian through this weather the Beauwho is visiting Australia as doctor fighters often have to rely on instruments when only 200 feet above in the immigrant ship Misr. Begum Rainsamy said Dr Taha the sea. will ask Mr Chiffey to allow Egyptians to migrate to Australia.

#### Warned of Loss Of Privileges

The Singapore Netherlands Consulate has threatened. Chinese, and Indian Dutch subjects, living in Malaya, with loss of all privileges as Dutch subjects should they fail to report to the Netherlands Consulate before April 30, reports Asso-

ciated Press. The Consulate has also announced that Chinese and Indian families who lived in the Netherlands East Indies before the war may return to the N.E.I. if the heads of their families are there.—Associated

#### CHESS PROBLEM.

By E. MAZEL Black, 2 pieces

White, 5 pieces. White to play and mate in three. Solution to yesterday's problem: 1, Q" B5, any; 2, Q. B. or Kt

(dbl ch) mates.

The protocol of the agreement was signed in Nanking between the NRC and J. Louis Reynolds, vice-president of the Reynolds Metal Company, who

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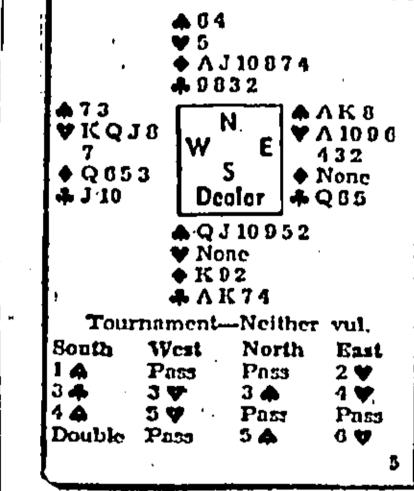
# • McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

IT'S TOO BIG, YAVENT YOU

HAMLET?

JUST A'

Double Grand Coup Made for 5 Spades



By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

TIERE is a hand that will be talk-II ed about for several weeks. There were many weird contracts, but the greatest freak was at Peter Leventritt's table when he passed his partner's one spade bid and ended No. 84 Squadron of the Royal up later bidding five spades.

Every day he smears a repellant Air Force, equipped with Beau- The interesting thing about the for supplying information of ice cold.

actual weather conditions in the But the real thrill of the hand Being bitten by mosquitoes does not confer immunity. Frank in over large parts of Malaya, diamonds which some North-South scratches like anybody else. And Sumatra and the Strait of pairs got into, and which West commitments of the recently discussion assuming that East cashes the ace and king of spades, disbanded No. 18 (Burma) then shifts to the ace of hearts,

The ace of hearts must be trumpled and the queen of spades led. West Each morning a Beaufighter of course should not trump, but leaves Changi and flies to Butter-Ishould discard the ten of clubs worth, sending out meterological re- | North must trump this trick and ports every 15 minutes. In order lead a club to dummy's king, then to gain the maximum advantage lead the jack of spades, If West from these flights the crews at the trumps, declarer over-trumps, goes same time carry out normal training over to the king of diamonds in Moslems in Australia will including single-engined, low-level dimmy, and finesses West out of the queen of diamonds. Then dummy l can be entered with a club.

If West does not trump the jack of spades, declarer must throw all The aircraft returns from Butter-three of his remaining clubs on the Moslem organizer Sydney-born worth the following morning, again spades. A club is led and trumped Regum Remeaniv said this in transmitting reports at 15-minute by declarer, a small trump led to intervals of the weather through dummy's king of diamonds, and the She is a former member of the which it is flying. It lands back mine of diamonds is played.

Church of England, who became a at Changi some four hours later. Declarer must be sure to keep the Mohammedan after marrying an after a flight of between 800 and eight-spot so he can play it under Australian-born Indian in 1938. 900 niles over the Strait of Malacca the nine. Now all he has to do She became a Moslem because, and the east coast of Sumatra, is lead a club from dummy, West she said, the Christian faith con- Meanwhile the next Beaufighter will will be forced to trump, and North doned inhuman treatment of the have flown up to Butterworth to can overtrump and pick up the

> This is an interesting double grand There are often some very bad coup.

#### Check Your Knowledge

With which American general do you associate a pearl-handled

2. Name the three fundamental Consolidated with other reports units of measure. 3. Where are the blackest people and nireraft, the information sup- in the Pacific?

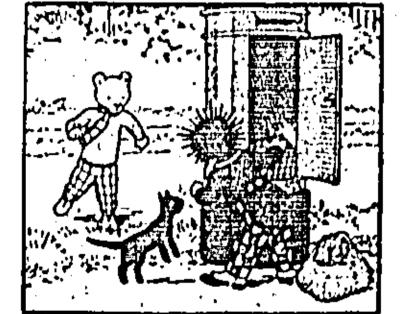
plied by the squadron gives a com- 4. Who was the "serpent of the prehensive picture of prevailing Nile"? 5. What is the length of a round vide forecasts for military and civil in boxing?

aircraft operating over the area on | 6. To whom do the Azores belong? local and trunk air routes. (Answers on Page 4)

### Rupert's Silver Trumpet-12

Hurrying to see what Dinkie is staring at, Rupert finds a large Golliwog peeping at him and, to his amazement, the door of the pillarbox is open. "Here, how did you open that? Where have you come from?" cries the little bear. "I was in the hedge. None of you saw me, but the cat was cleveres be me, but the cat was cleverer, he spotted me. As for the other ques-tion, I have a key that opens all post-boxes," says Golly calmly. Rupert wants to ask all sorts of things and hardly knows how to

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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

1. Bounds as though the tanner had left on a strange shopping expedition. (4. 8, 7)

o. They may be given orally or they may record residences. (9)

9. Well above medicare. (5)

10. Once round the track. (5)

11. Through which the tree breathes.

13. Bellice attract them. (4) 14. The charge of an ambassador. 17. The sole female of the hive. (5,4) 19. It's a charge. (4)

21. Conquer. (7)
22. Tis said that the cat dies thus. i. Clown. (9)

20. To do so is human. (8)

8. Something seems to have upset the feast. (6) 4. Bed 1 Across. 5. Fancy finding them in spas. (4) 7. Colouriess. (4)
B. He's a killer. (5)
12. The world of Inities. (6)
15. Undress in a way. (5)
16. Beagirt perhaps, watergirt surely.
(4)
18. Merit. (4)

Galution of vesterday's puzzle, -- Acress:
1. Houseboat; b, Indignant; 21. Otadness; 12. Home; 15. Bome; 15. Bot; 16.
Electro; 18 Delegate; 19. Boo 1 Down;
20 Inborn; 21. Minnesola. Down; 1
and 19. High and dry; 2 Onlooker; 5.
Bide; 4. Casis; 5. Answer; 7. Demsel;
B. Onoma; 9. New; 10. Tattoo; 14
Olein, 17 Unbs



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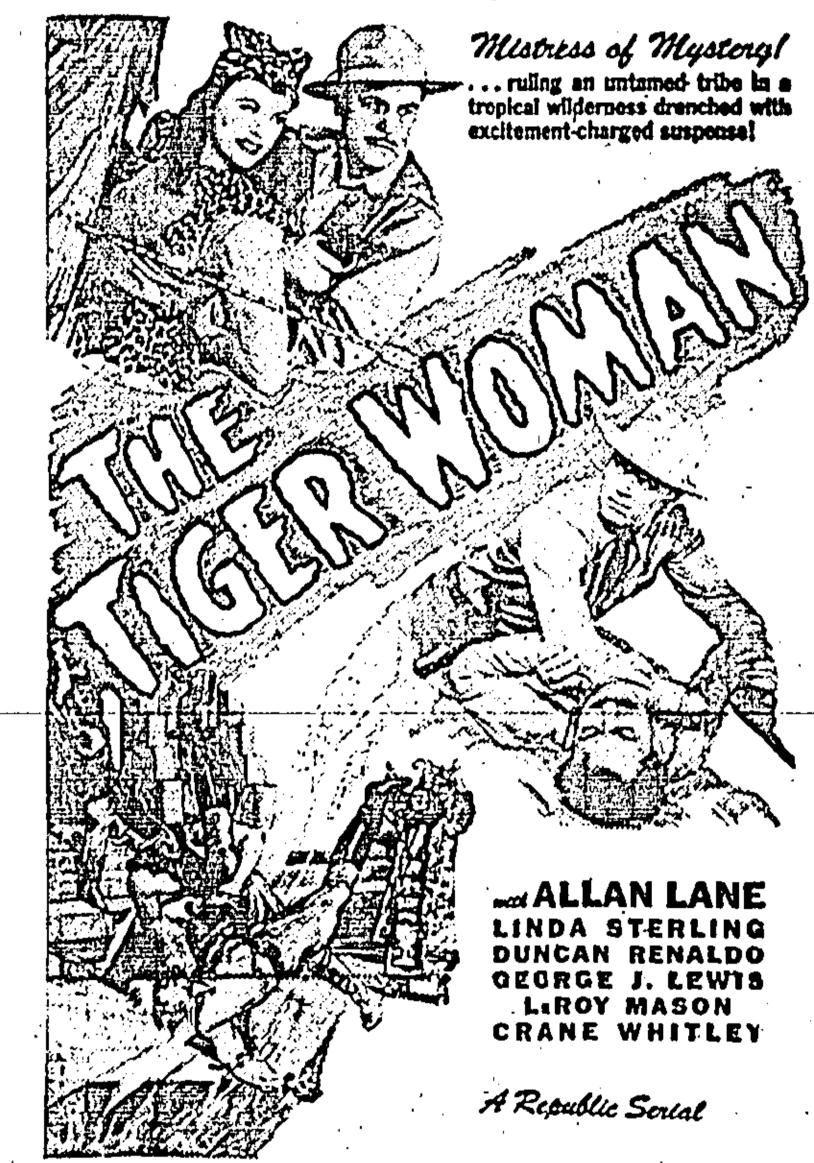
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# DUTCH GENERAL EXPLAINS N.E.I. SURRENDER IN

The Hague, Feb. 27.—The order to surrender to the Japanese in the Netherlands East Indies, given on March 18, 1942, did not apply to the Allied forces but only to the Dutch forces, Ter Poorten, Commander-in-Chief of the Netherlands East Indies Army during the Japanese invasion in 1942, said to-

without consulting the British commanders.

The statement was contained in the official despatch of Air Vice-Marshal Sir Paul Maltby, describing the RAF's part in the Java campaign, when Sir Paul, as Commander of the Royal Air Force there, was serving under General Ter Poorten. possible because for several days his whereabouts had not even been batants. known, General Ter Poorten sald, March 8, 1942, both he and the resulted from rejecting the Japanese renowned for his outspokenness and Governor-General of the Nether- demands, and an acceptance of that the absence of any explanation lands East Indies, Jonkheer Tjarda Van Starkenborgh Stachouwer, were informed that unless they met the Japanese Commander-in-Chief at Kolidjati, the town of Bandung. earlier declared an open town, would be bombed out of existence,

#### Japanese Demand

Because of the hopelessness of the military situation, the Governor-General and he himself agreed to this meeting, and during the talks with the Japanese, efforts were made to restrict the capitulation to the Bandung area.

The Japanese Commander-In-Chief refused and demanded unconditional auriender, threatening to bomb Bandung and other large towns mercileasly unless the Dutch

capitulated. He also threatened to use terror methods against both the civil population and the troops if the fighting

Consultation with Air Vice-Marshal Sir Paul Maltby was not possible because the Japanese Commander-in-Chief demanded an im-

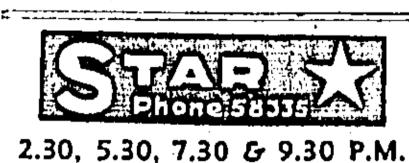
mediate decision. General Ter Poorten said the Dutch agreed to the surrender of their forces with a definite reservation that the surrender did not apply to the Allied forces,

#### Guerilla Warfare

Regarding the possibilities 3: guerilla warfare, General Ter Poorten said the Governor-General, who was formerly also Commander-in-Chief, had informed him earlier that instructions from the Netherlands Government in London were that guerilla warfare had to be waged and that no general capitulation was to circumstances.

He accordingly sent telegrams to his commanders, instructing them not to pay heed to Japanese reports of capitulation but to continue to resist individually.

The possibility of waging guerilla warfare, General Ter Poorten conoperation of the local population, The military situation was reviewed\_at\_General\_Headquarters\_on left to use their own judgment.



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He dismissed as "definitely| The last time Sir Paul Maltby was untrue" a statement that he ordered the surrender to the Japanese of all forces under his of troops concentrated on the command, including the British, Bandung plateau could be expected. British and Australian troops

were consequently withdrawn from the area and concentrated in the south of Bandung.

from other areas to Bandung, the censored before publication. town was declared open to avoid Consultation with the British Air giving the Japanese, any pretext answered, it declared, doubt must Officer Commanding had not been for indulging in a large-scale blood- remain whether the full story of bath at the expense of non-com- Singapore has yet been told.

#### NOT LESSON LEARNED

Ware, Hrrtfordshire, Feb. 26.-Lt-Ge , A. E. Percival, G.O.C. of the British forces which surrendered to the Japanese at Singapore in today expressed Reuter his view that the Jesson of the Malayan campaign described in his despatch nublished tonight had not been Icarned.

Recalling Britain's total unpreparedness for war in the Far-East in 1941, General Percival declared; "The same thing is happening again and the result is that other powers tend to become more aggressive."

The general went over some of the points of his despatch. Not only had many of the Indian troops fighting in Malaya not seen a lank when war began, he said, but there was at least one divisional commander who had not done so. The same applied to most of the Australian troops.

General Percival has written a book covering a wider field than the despatch—from his first arrival in Malaya in 1936 to the cate of the signing of the Japaneke surrender. It includes some individual views which would not have been appropriate In an official despatch.—Reuter.

take place unless justified by special capitulation was in the best inpeople especially, as it was certain ests of the world," he said in reply-

In conclusion, General Ter Poorten sation, In conclusion, eneral Ter Poorten Mr Chifley appealed to all Bri-Air Vice-Marshal Sir Paul Maltby, advantages.

led up to the capitulation of Java Preferences", he said. are recorded in my dispatch exactly as they had occurred."

lo add further comment.--Reuter.

#### SPORT:

# FIRES TRACK

London, Feb. 26.—The main stand of the White City dog track at Old Trafford, Manchester, was badly damaged by fire today.

Half of it was saved, but 12 tote booths and machines were damaged. While firemen were fighting the main blaze, another fire broke out in the tote control, 50 yards away. The police are investigating.—Reuter.

FIELD WATERLOGGED Georgetown, British Gulana, Feb. 26.-Today was again a blank day in the return match between British

Guiana and the MCC here. The weather turned fine today, after a downpour had make play impossible, yesterday, but prospects of play after lunch were dispelled by the outfield remaining waterlogged in places. • •

the match to Monday.—Reuter.

#### KRAMER EXTENDS LEAD

Arcadia, California, Feb. 26 .--Kramer today extended his lead over Bobby Riggs to 22 to 15 in their nation wide professional tennis tour. winning 0-2, 4-0, 0-3. Pancho Segura defeated Dinny Pails (Australia) 6-2, 6-1. Kramer and Segura paired to win

Riggs and Pails,—United Press. **ACTION DISMISSED** 

Justice Goddard in the High Court today dismissed with costs an action brought against the Jockey Club, which controls Qut racing, by the racehorse trainer, Mr James Russell, Mr Russell had claimed damages 2. Length, weight and time, 3 for an alleged breach of contract and Bougainville, in the Solomon Islands, the silence of terrorised leaders of South China Morning Post Limited Calendar,—Reuter.

## Singapore Despatches Censored?

Sydney, Feb. 27.—The newspaper Sydney Morning Herald today asked whether the despatches of Lt-Gen. A. E. Percival, former General Officer Commanding, Malaya, and Air vicinity of Tilkadjang, 40 miles Vice-Marshal Sir Paul Maltby, former Assistant Air Office women and children evacuated Commanding, Far East, were

Until the question is satisfactorily

The newspaper sald Admiral Sir General Ter Poorten said no Geoffrey Layton, former Comman-General Ter Poorten sald that on strategic advantages could have der-in-Chief, Far Eastern Fleet, was why his report was not included in published naval despatches arouses suspicion about the completeness of the other documents.

- General Percival's despatch, it said, was expected to prove a bombshell but contains nothing new and nothing sensational and raises the question. why it and the others were so long delayed,

The Admiralty announced on February 18: "Admiral Layton's contemporary report to the Admiralty on the Malayan campaign, written in 1942; before the Commanders-in-Chief of the other two Servicesboth in captivity—were able to give their considered account and analy-, six of this predominantly land and air abattle, was not written with a view to publication and will not be published,"---- Reuter, 🦠

### HAVANA TALKS PART OF MASTER PLAN

Canberra, Feb. 26,-Anglo-| biscites." American aid, the Marshall plan, lend-lease and the Havana points: trade negotiations were all 1. The Republic of Indonesia ob- negis of the United Nations." of the democracies against Communism," Mr Joseph Chifley, Netherlands Government and not by Committee of "Good Offices," as had the Commonwealth Minister, told the Australian Parliament here today.

"Communism has grown in soil terests of the country and of the fertillsed by the conservative interthat a rejection of the surrender ing to Opposition criticism of Ausdemand would have to be revoked tralian participation in the Havana later in consequence of Japanese trade talks among the 58 members of the International Trade Organi-

tinued, was subsequently rejected declared that Sir Paul Maltby's lish peoples to consider the inter- of the population through a as impracticable because it was im- statement to the effect that the national trade negotiations as a plebiscite, which would be held to possible to rely on the active co- Dutch were not helpful was "with- world problem and not from the out any foundation whatsoever". point of view of narrow nationalist

meant local commanders would be comments, said: "The events which obliged to compromise over Imperial Indonesia. "This compromise was necessary plebiseite method of determining the

so that Mr. Roosevelt, one of the Sir Paul sald he did not desire great men of the age, could sell his country the idea of aid to Europe,"

"The American people had to be satisfied that one of their pet bugbears-tariff barriers-would be scaled down before they would support aid to Europe. Australia was a party to mutual aid and therefore had a moral obligation to support the compromise."-Reuter.

# Letters To The Editor

#### The Error Was In The Framing Sir.-Re your "Test Your Know-

edge" quiz in the Telegraph on Wednesday: If George the Sixth has lost his

Throughout the latter war. I think the Swede, should take the lead

On UNO's mighty floor. But if you stop to reconsider The shores of England never

You'll know your question's bad Food and Agricultural Organisation I'm sure!

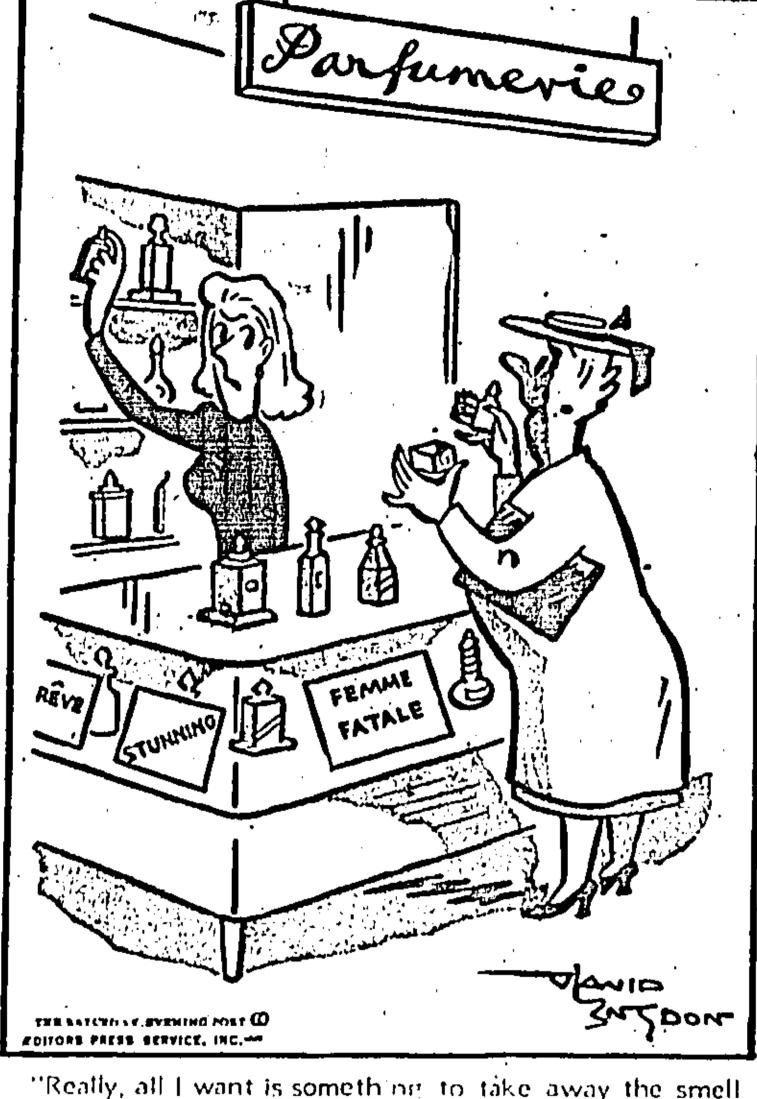
A PATRIOTIC MATELOT. · As two days have now been lost, king in Europe to retain his throne new government is recognised inthe captains, Mr G. O.-Allen and through World War 11?" was badly ternationally, which, however, is Mr H. P. Bayley, agreed to extend framed. It was intended to refer considered only a matter of days. only to the Continent.-Ed. HKT.]

#### Recreio To Play KCC Seconds

Arrangements have now been finalised for a Culb de Recreio eleven to play the KCC second team, ago, bears witness to the immense at the KCC tomorrow afternoon. The KCC team will be S, A. Gray, the doubles by 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 over, V. C. Bond, V. H. White, S. Truman, E. Randall, E. A. J. Hancock, R. H. A. Lapsley, R. G. Labrum, London, Feb. 20.-Lord Chief R. Leigh, P. Smith and G. Rosselet.

#### CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE Answers

1. General George S. Patton, Jr. for alleged libel in the Racing 4. Cleopatra. 5. Three minutes. 6.



"Really, all I want is something to take away the smellof mothballs.

# Indonesians Charge Plebiscite Influenced

Lake Success, Feb. 26.—Charges that the Netherlands Government was deliberately prejudicing the political selfdetermination of the Indonesian people of West Java and Madura were made here today as the Security Council resumed discussion of the Indonesian question.

donesian Republican spokesman, a fait accompli and thereby Linggadiati agreement. nullify or prejudice free plea

Prime | plebiscite.

2. The security and freedom men- Australian member of the Comtioned in the Renville agreement mittee. could be guaranteed only when the territory in question was free from

3. Such actions were not accord with the Renville agreement principle, which obtained the consent of both parties to the dispute and laid down the procedure for OUTWARD MAILS gaining the full and free consent determine whether the populations of the various territories of Java. Madura and Sumatra wish their who\_is\_now\_Serjeant-at-Arms\_of\_the \_\_\_The\_negotiations-are-part-of-the | territory to form part of the Re-March 7, and it was decided to House of Lords, informed by Reuter master plan initiated when Britain's public of Indonesia, or of another abandon organised resistance That today, of General Ter Poorten's war leader, Mr. Churchill, was State, within a United States of

4.4. Any departure from the

# Siamese Government

Bangkok, Feb. 26.—The new Mantia (Sea) 3 p.m. Siamese Cabinet, headed Khaung Abhaiwong, is considered certain to get a vote of confidence when it faces a joint day, as it commands about 80 percent support in the combined

Houses. The Premier has dropped three Ministers and added three others to his caretaker Cabinet, which has held office since the coup d'etat by Marshal Pibul Songkram November, and assumes the portfolio of the Interior himself.

Although not a coalition, the Cabinet, which has 12 Democrats and 12 non-party members, contains many reputable non-party men who command great personal prestige. Government circles today ex-Have wandered for from Europe's pressed hesitancy about Siamese representation at the United Nations

Conference, to be held at Baguio, in the Philippines, shortly. The question "Who was the only This cannot be decided until the Reuter.

#### SLOVAKIA COUP **PROTESTS**

(Continued from Page 1) dangers inherent in the world situn-

today as it did yesterday, but as M. Georges Bidault (the French Foreign 10.10, Puccini: "La Boheme" Acta 3 and Minister) said, the pawns canot con- 4 with Licia Albenese, Beniamino Gigli, tinue moving forward on the chess and Orchestra of La Scala Opera, Milan. Conducted by Umberto Berretoni; 11, which might very likely soon become Close down. dangerous",

unable to speak freely."-Reuter.

consent of both parties. said the Netherlands Govern- be a principle of the Renville agreement wants to "present us with ment and also basic to the the resignation of whose leaders Directors and to appoint Auditors,

strongly criticised the Renville whose support for the Communists agreement, which he termed "one of Dr Sastroamidjojo submitted four the most shameful documents that has ever been published under the linked with the "great struggle jected strongly to free expressions of M. Ecclo Van Klessens, of the Gottwald, popular movements when they were Netherlands, appealed to the Council being unilaterally promoted by the not to increase the powers of the

> "No valid reason has been advanced for increasing the rights of Democratic Party, and by deputies martial law and an army of occupa- the Committee. We want the Committee of Good Offices" to remain Democratic parties. such a Committee and not become something different."—Reuter,

been suggested by Judge Kirby, the

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Tsingtao, Peiping, Canton and Chung-

king, 3.30 p.m. Closing Times By Sea & Train Shanghai (Sea) 2 p.m. Macao, Tsiashan & Shekki (Sea) 2 p.m. Canton (Train) 2 p.m. Bangkok (Sea) 3 p.m. Macao, Tsiashan & Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m.

Komtinoon (Sea) 5 p.m. Canton (8ea) 5 p.m. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 Closing Times By Air Shanghat, 9 n.m. (reg): 9.30 n.m. (ord)

session of Parliament on Mon- Manila, P.I., Honolulu, U.S.A. & Canada 9.30 a.m. (reg); 10 a.m. (ord). Shanghal, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao, Pelping, Tainan, Amoy, Swatow, Kunming and Calcutta, 3.30 p.m. Closing Times By Sea & Train Canton (Train) 7 n.m. Macao, Tsinshun & Shekki (Sea) 6 a.m.

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Le Monde added that "flery pro- | Printed and published by Frengance paganda will not prevent us feeling Pency Franklin for and on behalf of muzzled newspapers and of Presidents 2 1-3 Wyndham Street, City of Victoria in the Colony of Houskon,

# Czech Communists Will Begin Purge

Prague, Feb. 26.—The launching of a campaign to bring Czechoslovakia's central and local governments under Communist majority control, coupled with a purge of "treacherous elements" in public and private life, is regarded by observers as the start of a "second phase" in the political transformation of the country.

munists control of the Cabinet, Dr Cepicka, the new Communist Minister of Justice, has disclosed a plan under which all government organs will be the recent events in Czecho-slovakia

All provincial "Action Committees" country, but to a foreign power." will have been formed by tomorrow, and all district committees, with control of affairs in towns and

villages, by March 2. It is believed the establishment of these committees will be followed by a considerable period of purging of a somewhat similar assault. The the whole national life of elements situation there is bound to give anhostile to the new National Front and xiety to all those who love human its strongly Communistic programme. liberty. that the "Action Committee" of the geous. Let men and women every-Pringue Broadcasting House had de- where resist tyrants, however they cided to refuse to the Czech Nationalist Socialists—one of the parties now excluded from the Cabinet --facilities to broadcast,

Benes Speech Doubt Meanwhile, It is doubtful whether the already twice postponed speech which President Benes was to make this evening will be made. President Benes has been sllent since the formation of the new Cablnet--in which the Communists have 12 of the 24 scats—two days Prace, the drade union newspaper,

reports that the Executive Committee of the Foreign Ministry has formed the forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly a sub-committee to purge the Meeting of the Members of this Foreign Office and its staff abroad. Company will be held at the, In Bratislava, the Slovak capital, Office of Messrs. Jardine, Mathe-Lt-Col. Polak, a member of the Executive Committee of the Slovak son & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday Democratic Party, declared in a the 17th day of March, 1948, at broadcast that he had formed an Noon, to receive the Report of the

Dr Sastroamidjojo declared this to A similar purge is reported under of Accounts for the year ended brought the recent crisis to a head, M. Andrel Gromyko, of Russin, and in the Social Democratic Party, gave them the parliamentary majority they needed for the new government announced last night by the Prime Minister. M. Klement both days inclusive.

Appeal To Deputies

A Parliamentary Action Committee met in Prague last night for the Arst time, attended by representatives of the Czech and Slovak Communist parties and the Social from the People's and the Slovak

The Action Committee appealed to all deputies, except "those who caused the crisis," to proclaim their "adherence to the principles of a responsible people's democracy" and to prove they were interested in the solution of this crisis.

It called on them to secure "by | the co-operation of all progressive deputies a solid basis for normal parliamentary life and full support -for—the-government—and—its-pro-

About 24 executives, including the assistant general manager and four directors of the Bata shoe factory in Zlin, Moravin-one of the co.mtry's major industrial concernsare reported to have been dismissed. With the appointment of Dr Alexey Cepicka (Communist) to the Ministry of Justice, in place of the National Socialist, Dr Prokop Drtina, political observers expect the infroduction of the doctrine that the people's will is law.

Student March A report issued tonight by the Ministry of the Interior on last evening's incident, when students tried to march to see President Benes at his castle, stated that a policeman's rifle went off accidently as a group of student trouble-makers was being dispersed. The bullet wounded a person in

the leg, it was stated. Several groups of student troublemakers who tried to create incidents were dispersed and several score of arrests were made, it was-added,-

London Opinion London, Feb. 26.-A Foreign Office spokesman in London said today that Britain would have to "reconsider the recognition of the Czecho-

slovak Government" as it had been

"set up by un-democratic means."

While President Eduard
Benes has remained silent on the "National Revolution" which has given the Comwhich has given the Com-

Assault On Liberty

taken over by Communist- were "an effort to destroy a nation's dominated "Action Commit-liberty from within by men who owe a loyalty, not to their own "Czechoslovakia was the most successful of the democracies in

> until the Hitler putsch took place," "Now, again, it is the subject of

> Central Europe between the wars

Prague Radio reported tonight "Let democrats there be cournmay describe themselves."-Reuter.

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